



**Minutes of Ilchester Parish Council held on Thursday 10th October 2024
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30 pm.**

Councillors: Cllr D Galloway (Chair), Cllr J Hall, Cllr H Williams, Cllr J Stapleton, Cllr M Grice, Cllr S Bomers, Cllr S Marsh, Cllr R Binns
Parish Clerk: R Coombes
County Councillors: Cllr E Pearlstone
Parishioners: 7 members of the public attended

134/2024 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Schofield, Cllr Bailey and Rev Faulkner.

135/2024 Declaration of Interests

None received.

136/2024 The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2024

These minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that they be signed as correct.

137/2024 Members of the Public

A parishioner updated the council that the EA are not going to let members of the public operate the pumps anymore. It was noted there had not yet been a response from the emails sent to Sarah Dyke MP, Cllr Pearlstone agreed to follow this up. Cllr Bomers offered to also request information from the relevant authorities regarding a contingency plan. The parishioner would like to meet with their field teams and have a member of IPC present.

A parishioner asked if there was an update from Vistry regarding the unfinished development. Cllr Galloway reported that he had been informed Somerset Highways planning have changed the specification that the road should be finished to, which is why they haven't yet completed the work. Cllr Galloway will ask for a further update and for the rubbish at the front of the estate to be cleared.

A parishioner requested signs were added to the grass at West Street to stop people parking on the grass, and also a no dog sign to be added to the grass on the green next to the Town Hall. Various areas need relining including the car park and junctions, the council will raise this with the Highways Department and add it to be discussed at the next Highways Strategy meeting.

A parishioner asked if there had been any progress with traffic calming at Dragon Fly Chase. Cllr Galloway confirmed that Somerset Council have said they would review the signage on the way into the estate. The Clerk will ask for an update.

138/2024 SALC

A presentation was received from Ewan Jones. Cllr Galloway raised concerns over the pricing model. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

139/2024 Action list

The council's action list was reviewed and updated.

140/2024 Somerset Councillors' reports & Report from RNAS and LCN

Cllr Pearlstone reported that she had made contact regarding the S38 relating to the Hainbury Meadow development and confirmed that this unfortunately cannot bear any weight on future planning applications.

Cllr Bailey had held a meeting regarding the Highways Strategy, a report has been produced and will be added to the website.

Cllr Pearlstone reported SALC have been given money for their health and wellbeing budget; prime funding may be available – warm spaces etc.

141/2024 Police & Community issues, Community Links, Surgery updates, Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC, Church.

Police – the latest figures from police.uk were presented to Councillors.

Town Trust – Cllr Williams reported that the last car boot is next Sunday, weather permitting.

IDCA – Cllr Binns reported that IDCA had hosted the craft and home produce show, the trophy awards meeting will follow in 2 weeks. IDCA have various events planned such as a Halloween party, lantern workshops and parade, step into Christmas, and carols on the green.

IRINEC – No further update.

Surgery – Cllr Marsh reported that surgery had a successful open day where people were helped with apps etc. Work is being carried out to see how Dr's time writing notes could be reduced. Most over 65 should have had jabs for covid and flu. An outworker will be attending to help with non-medical aspects of health.

Church – Rev Faulkner has provided an update prior to the meeting. Cllr Binns agreed to post on social media regarding the Remembrance Day parade.

School – No further update.

Community links – A meeting is to be scheduled before Christmas.

Youth Parish Council – Cllr Stapleton had met with Cllr Bailey to discuss the need for a Youth Parish Council or Youth Club. It was felt a paid youth worker would be needed to start a youth council or club, which could then be taken over by volunteers.

142/2024 Planning matters

An update was provided on the following planning matters:

24/02257/TCA - Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area at Northover House, Northover, Ilchester.

The council noted this application and is in support.

143/2024 Highways Strategy

A highways strategy meeting had been held.

SID - It was decided that once the SID was operational again, the information needed to be provided to the public.

Buses – it was reported the extension to the museum and back is in place but doesn't seem to be used. Cllr Bomers stated it needs to run at work times, it doesn't start until 10am. It also hasn't been publicised.

Truck watch – need to generate a volunteer base. It was decided to advertise on social media to recruit. The use of ANPR cameras had been investigated, the system knows which are HGVs. Cllr Bomers offered to look into this further.

Crossing – The group had discussed adding lights to the crossing at the garage.

Bollards – it was noted that the Highways Department had received complaints regarding the bollards at the roundabout, they will look in to how the roundabout is laid out. There have been a lot of people parking on the zigzag lines at Northover house, Highways have been asked to install a bollard.

Next meeting on 27th November. It was decided to advertise for Highways volunteers.

144/2024 Highways Meeting

Cllr Galloway provided an update regarding the meeting held with the Highways department regarding SID locations and further lines required.

145/2024 Financial matters

Balances at 31/09/24:	£
Payments to be made:	£20 - T. Mepham
	£399.20 – R Coombes
	£645.00 – Three Counties Landscaping Ltd
	£782.68 – Somerset Council - Playground Inspections
	£150.00 – Ilchester Town Trust – Hall Hire
	£10,000.00 – transfer of funds

The Council approved & signed the above cheques for payment.

146/2024 Conclusion of audit

The council noted the conclusion of audit report.

147/2024 Review and adopt the Complaints Policy

Councillors all agreed to adopt the Complaints Policy, this will be added to the website. Proposed and seconded. All in favour.

148/2024 Parish Online

The council considered the requirement for Parish Online. It was resolved the council would register with Parish Online.

149/2024 Flooding Update

This item had been covered previously in the meeting.

150/2024 Allotments

Cllr Williams reported that notice had been given by Plots 13a & b that they will not be renewing their tenancy at the end of the year.

151/2024 Cemetery Update

It was decided to obtain quotes for a surveyor to investigate the wall. Cllr Hall agreed to provide contacts.

IDCA would like to use the back of the chapel for storage, they have offered to clear it out, paint the fence and get a new lock.

Cllr Marsh was thanked for moving the cows that had entered the cemetery.

152/2024 Skate Park & Mead Play Area

No further update provided.

153/2024 Remembrance Sunday

It was decided the council would hold refreshments in the Town Hall after the parade on the 10th November. The council will donate £50.00 towards this and £50.00 towards the RBL.

154/2024 Other correspondence

A parishioner had raised concerns about the bushes that have grown over the graves at the back of the St. Andrews churchyard. It was decided to ask Three Counties to carry out this work.

An Elder growing through yew trees and holly was also raised, this needs to be removed.

155/2024 Items for report or for the next month's agenda

It was noted by Cllr Stapleton that the road sweeper was in the village but couldn't access all of the areas due to parked cars.

It was noted the School hedges have been cut.

Almshouse lane – the road surface is deteriorating. Cllr Galloway has previously reported this and has a reference number to receive an update.

Play areas – item for next month to discuss what the next steps are

It was noted there had been no further response from the Town Trust regarding the car park.

The date of the next meeting of the Council was confirmed for Thursday 14th November 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 20:44 pm.

Signed:

Date:

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